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SUBJECT: GOES REQUEST FOR HELP: EMERGENCY WARHOUSING/STORAGE

1. JORGE ROCHAC, GENERAL MANAGER OF SALVADORAN PORT AUTHORITY(CEPA)
CALLED EMBOFF 2 MAY WITH URGENT REQUEST FOR HELP TO RESOLVE A
PENDING MAJOR WAREHOUSING/STORAGE PROBLEM.

2. EL SALVADOR RECENTLY RECEIVED A UN LOAN FOR THE PURCHASE OF
FERTILIZERS. PRICES DROPPED AND EL SALVADOR WILL BE RECEIVING
MUCH MORE BY QUANTITY THAN EXPECTED. THERE ARE NOW 5,000 METRIC
TONS OF AMMONIUM SULPHATE IN BULK ABOARD A FREIGHTER ANCHORED IN
ACAJUTLA. AN ADDED 15,000 METRIC TONS ARE ENROUTE. THERE IS
VIRTUALLY NO WAREHOUSING SPACE AVAILABLE. THE RAINY
SEASON HAS BEGUN AND AMMONIUM SULPHATE, BEING SUBJECT TO HYDRO-
TROPY, MUST BE PROTECTED. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO BAG AND
PALLETIZE FERTILIZER AS IT IS OFFLOADED.

3. CEPA WISHES TO OBTAIN IMMEDIATELY STORAGE FACILITIES AVAIL-
ABLE FOR 3 TO 6 MONTHS. REQUIRED CAPACITY IS ESTIMATED AT
160,000 CUBIC METERS OF 4 CUBIC METER 500 KILO PALLETS. CEPA
IS PREPARED TO LEASE A CARGO VESSEL IF AVAILABLE AND CAN PROVIDE
TUG SERVICE IMMEDIATELY FROM ANY WEST COAST U.S. PORT. ANOTHER
POSSIBILITY WOULD BE A READILY MOUNTABLE PRE-FABRICATED WAREHOUSE
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OR, PERHAPS MORE READILY AVAILABLE, A LARGE, ALMOST THREE RING

CIRCUS TYPE TENT OR A SERIES OF SMALLER ALL-WEATHER MILITARY TENTS. CEPA CAN ARRANGE FOR SHIPPING BY DC-3 OR EQUIVALENT OF AEREOTRANSPORTABLE ITEMS.

4. ALTHOUGH CEPA WOULD WELCOME USG GRANT ASSISTANCE OR OTHER LOW COST SOLUTIONS, IT IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT A READILY AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL SOLUTION.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE VERIFY SOONEST AVAILABILITY OF SHIP FOR LEASE, PREFAB WAREHOUSING OF SUFFICIENT SIZE OR, MORE LIKELY, TENTS WHICH CAN BE LEASED OR RENTED FOR 3-6 MONTHS, ABLE TO HOLD ABOUT 160,000 CUBIC METERS OF AMMONIUM SULPHATE.
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